

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
March 20, 2007**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Lio Francisco, Julie Frazier, Ray Gamma, Jerry Marsalli, Cynthia Owens, Chuck Seymour, Steve Lee

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Wolfe, Director of Parks and Recreation

Guests: John Bitter, Head Coach, Santa Clara Swim Club

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION: A motion was made by Jerry Marsalli, seconded by Ray Gamma, recommending that City Council include in the FY 2007/08 Capital Improvement Budget funds to plan and complete the plans and specifications to design the George F. Haines International Swim Center renovation and include funds for construction of the project in the FY 2008/09 Five Year Capital Improvement Budget. The Commission recommends that the plan be limited to the current site footprint of the George F. Haines International Swim Center and not extend into any additional area within Central Park.

- I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Francisco.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 20, 2007– Approved as written.
- III. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – The Commission reviewed City Council actions pertaining to Parks and Recreation.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION – None.
- V. COMMISSIONER’S REPORT – Commissioner Frazier reported on attending the Camellia Show held at the Community Recreation Center.

Commissioner Owens reported that she reviewed the Parks and Recreation Department website and provided updates on the section that pertained to the Santa Clara Swim club and listing of Olympians.

Commissioner Gamma attended Showtime, attended the Council meeting where the Commission’s recommendation on a plaque at War Memorial Park was approved, visited the Dog Park, Ulistac Natural Area, Marsalli Park, and the George F. Haines International Swim Center. He distributed wording for a proposed rules sign at the Dog Park.

Commissioner Seymour visited the Dog Park, Senior Center and parks in the Fresno area.

Commissioner Marsalli visited parks in Arizona, received good comments on the Senior Center, attended Little League Opening Days and P.A.L. Softball, and noted the large number of dogs on leashes at Central Park.

Chair Francisco attended a Council meeting and noted that the Sister Cities Pot Luck will be held at the Senior Center March 31.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Art and Wine Festival – The Director reported that the early returns on the Festival Sponsorship Program are positive. The Commission agreed to use the same Festival poster artwork as the 2006 poster for 2007. The Commission expressed interest in working with local schools for development of the 2008 Festival poster.

The Commission discussed their roles in the 2007 Festival and will discuss possible role changes at its April 17, 2007 meeting.

- B. Program Report - The Commission reviewed upcoming Parks and Recreation programs.
- C. Project Update – The Commission reviewed the status of Parks and Recreation Department projects.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. C.P.R.S. Conference Report – Steve Lee distributed a report on the 2007 C.P.R.S. Conference he attended in Sacramento. He also distributed information on the Conference Award Installation Banquet in order to provide information for use at the 2009 Conference that the City of Santa Clara will host.

- B. George F. Haines International Swim Center – FY 2007/2008 Budget Preparation – Cynthia Owens distributed a summary of the history, fiscal considerations, and budget schedule to the Commission and requested that the Commission recommend to the City Council to include the I.S.C. project in the FY 2007/08 budget. A copy of the report is attached.

The Commission discussed the I.S.C. project and the need to upgrade the facility before losing the annual I.S.C. Swim meet Grand Prix status.

The Director stated that staff is not proposing funding the I.S.C. project in FY 2007/08 due to limited funds available for Capital Projects and the need for the City to restore Capital reserves.

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VIII. Public Presentations – None.

- IX. Adjourned to the next regular scheduled meeting, April 17, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Manager Staff Conference Room.

Prepared by:

Larry Wolfe
Director of Parks and Recreation

Steve Lee
Secretary